

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-27 (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) A microemulsion which comprises an additive, and said additive is an AB block copolymer having a water-soluble block A and a water-insoluble block B.

29. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the water-insoluble block B is soluble in aliphatic hydrocarbons and in mineral oils.

30. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein said additive is an AB block copolymer having the structure according to the pattern ABA or BAB.

31. (Currently amended) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block A has a molecular weight between ~~500 μ and 60,000 μ~~ 500 μ and 60,000 μ .

32. (Currently amended) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block B has a molecular weight between ~~500 μ and 60,000 μ~~ 500 μ and 60,000 μ .

33. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the block A polymer is a polyethylene oxide.

34. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein block B polymer is a polydiene or an at least partially hydrated polydiene.

35. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 33, wherein block B polymer is a polydiene or an at least partially hydrated polydiene.

36. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 34, wherein said block copolymer AB as side chains, block B comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, phenyl and vinyl.

37. (previously presented) The microemulsion according to claim 28, wherein the microemulsion is an admixture in a substance.

38. (new) A method for increasing the efficiency of surfactants through the admixture of additives having a water-soluble fraction and a water-insoluble fraction, characterized in that an AB block copolymer having a water-soluble block A and a water-insoluble block B is admixed as the additive.